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SUBJECT: IRAQI RECONSTRUCTION: CANADIAN PERSONNEL FOR BAGHDAD

THIS IS AN ACTION REQUEST - SEE PARA 3.

1. (SBU) Canada has committed to providing US\$215 million in humanitarian and reconstruction assistance for post-conflict Iraq, with emphasis on access to basic services (water, sanitation, health care); building democratic institutions; reforming judicial, police and correctional services; strengthening civil society; and promoting human rights. As part of this effort, the GoC is trying to deploy two officials to Baghdad who would serve as a national liaison to the Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA) and as police advisor to the CPA, respectively.

2. (SBU) Ann Flanagan, Deputy Director of Foreign Affairs' Middle East Division, has requested our assistance in getting CPA approval for these Canadian officers. The GoC has proposed that FSO Ben Rowsell be attached to the CPA as Canadian national liaison, and that RCMP officer David Beer be deployed as police advisor to the CPA. Beer was part of the multinational police assessment team that visited Iraq for 4 weeks in June, during which time he served for 3 weeks as principal advisor to the Chief of Police for Baghdad West. Both Rowsell and Beer are available to deploy immediately, and they have already been proposed by the Canadian Embassy in Washington.

3. (SBU) ACTION REQUEST: Please advise ASAP on the Canadians' proposals to deploy Rowsell and Beer to the CPA. Having these two individuals in place will help bolster policing efforts and speed the delivery of Canadian assistance, especially given the absence of a Canadian Embassy in Baghdad.  
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